We are very happy to welcome you all to Copenhagen for the 24th EADV Congress.

It is not the first EADV congress in Copenhagen, and for some of you it may be a revisit. In 1993, the 3rd EADV Congress was held in the Tivoli Gardens, under the leadership of Dr Hans Rothenborg. Dr Rothenborg is a founding member of EADV and happily, as many of you know, still very active in our Academy.

Over the years the congresses have however grown much bigger, and this year’s is therefore being held in the modern facilities of the Bella Center under the leadership of the President of our Academy Prof Erwin Tschachler.

Last year, for the first time, the Congress was entirely organised by the EADV staff, who did an excellent job. The congress in Amsterdam last year was the most successful ever with more than 12,000 participants. We will do our best to make your experience in Copenhagen even better.

Cultural Copenhagen

Copenhagen is full of culture and has a lot to offer visitors. As the capital of Denmark, the oldest monarchy in the world, it has a long history reflected in numerous museums. But Copenhagen is also living history, as seen in the recent celebrations of our queen’s 75th birthday. The queen lives in Amalienborg, her palace in the city centre with an excellent view on the new opera house.

The city is continuously evolving, and nowadays boasts many top quality restaurants, and nice designer shops. Copenhagen is also a wonderful and environmentally-friendly city: we have beehives on the roof of the Town Hall and

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Categorical imperatives

We, human beings like to see the world in categorical absolutes, but will stretch to the concept of monocausal linear relationships if necessary. It is perhaps an inevitable consequence of the consciousness of the finality of our lives, ie you are either dead or alive; or, at best, you are going to die. This approach however has significant consequences when it is generalised and applied to how we do the many practical things that constitute most of our lives. We all have to learn these things somehow; and one of the most important things is therefore how we learn. For dermatologists and venereologists it is obviously particularly important how we learn to become good doctors.

There are traditionally two approaches to this: focusing on product or on process. The classical approach to education is the product-focused approach, where an exam is used to assess the ability of students. Over the years this approach has been somewhat discredited in many parts of Europe. There are many reasons for this, including the inaccuracy of tests and the fact that the normal distribution of the ability to perform in a given setting is not in agreement with a general demand for equality, which is less perceived as being in opportunity but more in result.

The emerging alternative is a blind focus on process. Process provides an opportunity and much good can be achieved by having an appropriate process. Furthermore, this approach has contemporary psychological appeal as it places responsibility on the structure and how it functions rather than on the individual. The institutionalised focus on process may, however, also lead to a morass of micromanagement losing sight of the purpose, as the law of diminishing returns sets in while we strive for the best.

The real world of learning is analogue, mostly non-linear and multifactorial. Education is therefore dependent on both ability and opportunity. In the end, learning is however our own responsibility – and that's categorical.

Gregor Jemec
Editor
President’s Perspective

Working with the EU and WHO on preventing skin disease

Dear Colleagues and Friends,

I hope that you and your families have enjoyed a marvellous summer and that you are back at your offices and hospitals well rested.

For our team in Lugano it was a very busy summer. The fact that EADV now organises its own congresses has brought with it an expansion of our team, and as a consequence, our offices in Lugano no longer had the capacity to host them. By the time you read this article, our team will have moved to a new location in Lugano while the preparations for the 24th EADV Congress in Copenhagen are at full speed.

Aesthetic Sunday

For this event, the Scientific Programming Committee, under its chair Prof Martin Röcken, has again worked hard to put together an outstanding scientific programme for you and has introduced several innovative features (please visit the congress website for full information: http://eadvcopenhagen2015.org/).

We have also introduced an “Aesthetic Sunday” with an entire morning of four parallel tracks dedicated to updates on the important topics in this area. I am sure that we will spend exciting and enriching days in Copenhagen.

Our membership is steadily rising! This year for the first time we surpassed 4000 with 4208 members enrolled as of the 31 May (the deadline for paying the annual membership fees). Whereas these rising numbers indicate that we are on the right track there is still leeway for further growth. Therefore, I encourage you to encourage your colleagues to also become members of our Academy. One very important argument for doing this is the perspective of actively participating in shaping tomorrow’s dermatology in Europe.

Improving recognition and treatment of OSD

An excellent example of our activities that have long-term impacts on our specialty was a meeting we had on 19 May with Stefaan Hermans, the head of cabinet of the European Commissioner for Employment, Social Affairs, Skills and Labour Mobility (Marianne Thyssen). This meeting was initiated and organised by the incoming Chair of the EADV Media & PR Committee Prof Swen Malte John. EADV representatives together with Dr Emilie Van Deventer of the WHO, Dr Wittlich, a physicist from the German Social Accident Insurance, met with Mr Hermans, and his colleague Inge Bernaerts in Brussels (see photograph). The topic of the discussion was the disease burden of occupational skin diseases (OSD) and the pivotal role of dermatology in saving workers’ health and jobs, and the cost for society. Also the challenges by solar UV-induced skin cancer in outdoor workers were discussed. Taking into consideration that the Commission is presently reviewing occupational safety and health regulations with a view to simplifying these, Stefaan Hermans suggested that EADV provide him with concrete proposals for the improvement of Directive 2006/25/EC in terms of including solar sources.

New proposals

Both EADV and WHO highlighted the fact that an important focus should be on improved prevention measures (including dermatological screening, and workers’ education and early age prevention). A continuation of this dialogue with EADV was suggested by Mr Hermans (including the involvement of the EU Agency for Safety and Health at Work in Bilbao, and the Sectoral Social Dialogue at DG EMPL). The latter activity aims at including the social partners in at risk professions in improved dermatological prevention and patient care measures.

Activities like these put EADV and the specialty of dermatology on the map of the European lawmakers and ultimately are of major benefit for our patients. To support and be part of such efforts is yet another good reason to join our Academy!

I am looking forward to seeing you in Copenhagen.

With my best wishes from Vienna,

Erwin Tschachler
EADV President (2014-2016)
Welcome to Copenhagen!

the inhabitants grow tomatoes in small organic gardens in their back yards.

Scientific highlights

The Scientific Programing Committee (SPC) has worked very hard to devise the best programme. Sessions are now structured into three levels to cover the needs of all participants: training and educational sessions, mainly for residents; review and update for specialists, and masterclasses for experts in a particular area of dermatology or venereology.

We have excellent speakers from all over Europe and the rest of the world, and have made an effort to include new upcoming talents and provide a bridge to the future.

Historic session on the medical history museum Museion

The Danish Dermatological Society is hosting a ‘Dermatological History Tour’ on 10 October 2015. This event is arranged as a symposium at Museion, a combined museum for medical history and research unit at the University of Copenhagen (www.museion.ku.dk). The museum is situated in the former Royal Academy of Surgeons which dates from 1787 in inner-city Copenhagen, making it easy to reach.

The Symposium pays tribute to Niels Finsen, who was awarded the first and only Nobel Prize in Dermatology in 1903: ‘in recognition of his contribution to the treatment of diseases, especially lupus vulgaris, with concentrated light radiation.’ The main topic will therefore focus on the effects of light on the skin in former and in modern times.

From 1900–1930 a number of wax moulages were cast at the Finsen Institute. The history of these moulages will also be presented and followed by a guided tour at the museum.

Opening ceremony and networking symposium

For all of us networking is a very important part of coming to a congress. The chance to meet old and new colleagues and possible scientific and clinical partners cannot be overestimated. This is the very core of our Academy.

For the opening ceremony we have selected a very unique programme reflecting the spirit of Denmark and Copenhagen. A large choir called “The Voice of Copenhagen” will entertain us a-cappella, followed by a wonderful performance by the dance show “Tales of Copenhagen”, a modern hip-hop interpretation of Hans Christian Andersen’s fairytales. The old and well-known fairytales are interpreted and told in a completely new way by young dancers and performers from the street environment.

I am sure that it will be possible for us all to learn new things about dermatology and venereology here in Copenhagen and to meet both new and old friends and colleagues.

Mette Deleuran
Danish EADV Board member and Board representative of the Executive Committee

On behalf of the Scientific Programming Committee
Orphanet is the international rare disease and orphan drug database bridging healthcare & research. Its main goal is to provide the community at large with a comprehensive set of information and data on rare diseases (RD) and orphan drugs in order to contribute to the improvement of the diagnosis, care and treatment of RD patients.

Orphanet (www.orpha.net) is currently the most comprehensive repository of information and data on RD, notably in terms of referenced documents. It is the only source that establishes a link between diseases, the existing information concerning RD and the appropriate services for patients, researchers and healthcare professionals. Orphanet’s database content is robust as it is expert-validated, continuously updated and quality-controlled. This makes Orphanet the reference in the field of RD, as it allows different stakeholders, and in particular health professionals and researchers, to keep up to date with the constantly evolving knowledge concerning rare diseases.

The Orphanet site provides access to:

- A comprehensive inventory of RD classified according to a polyhierarchical classification system. Each disease is aligned with ICD-10, Online Mendelian Inheritance in Man (OMIM), Medical Subject Headings (MeSH), Unified Medical Language System (UMLS), Medical Dictionary for Regulatory Activities (MedRA), and associated genes; its ‘identity card’ includes the relevant prevalence class, age of onset class, mode of inheritance. Each disease has a unique identifier, or Orpha number, which is stable in time
- An encyclopaedia covering more than 6600 RD or groups of diseases, written by science writers and reviewed by world-renowned experts. Abstracts are produced in English and are then translated into French, German, Italian, Portuguese, Spanish, Dutch, Polish, Slovak, Greek and Finnish. For some selected diseases, emergency guidelines, articles for general public and disability factsheets are produced in French and translated
- An inventory of review articles on rare diseases and of clinical guidelines
- Quality articles published by other journals or learned societies. More than 1000 articles have been published, with the permission of authors and editors, comprising national and international clinical guidelines produced by learned societies that are not published in peer-reviewed journals but available as reports
- An inventory of orphan drugs and of drugs intended for RD, at all stages of development, from orphan designation to market authorisation.
- A directory of expert resources in the 39 partner countries, validated by national experts and providing information on: specialised expert centres and centres of expertise, medical laboratories,

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Focus on rare diseases

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To keep updated on the evolving political and scientific landscape in the field of RD, subscribe to the free twice-monthly newsletter of the RD community, OrphaNews (www.orphanews.org)

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Probably only a few EADV members are aware of how far-reaching the EADV network is. The core are European countries symbolised by the initial E of our society. However, more and more dermatologists from many other countries and continents are now faithful members or attendees of our various meetings. For good reason, dermatologists from the Indian sub-continent are increasingly interested in our society or have become members, attend our meetings, read and publish in the JEADV.

For quite some time, EADV has inaugurated and supported a series of lectures held in India. Timings of the conference, topics and venue are proposed by our Indian colleagues. Usually two topics are selected by them; the recruitment of the European speakers is in the hands of EADV.

Mutual understanding
In 2014 our tireless Past-President Prof Andreas Katsambas, contacted Prof Hans Wolff and myself from the Department of Dermatology, Ludwig-Maximilian-University of Munich, to speak as ambassadors at the EADV – Indian Summit 2014. Hans Wolff was asked to lecture on Androgenic Alopecia in Man and Women, and I on Auto-inflammatory Acne Syndromes including Hidradenitis Suppurativa. Four university cities were picked: Ahmedabad, Delhi, Kolkata, and Bangalore. Several hundred dermatologists from private practice, hospitals and universities attended each meeting, chaired by the leaders of the host city and us invited Europeans. The format was well chosen: 30 minutes of lecture, followed by 30 minutes of discussion. The discussions were very active and stimulating. The written questions were submitted to the Indian chairperson, who perfectly handled the many questions and comments. This was followed by the presentation from an Indian colleague, also a half-hour lecture and discussion, on the general theme, for instance Insulin-Resistance Associated Acne.

After the lunch break the afternoon session proceeded in the same way, European guest first, to be followed by the Indian counterpart, for instance Management of Patterned Hair Loss in India.

Close collaboration
The courtesy, hospitality and friendship offered to us guests was overwhelming. Throughout, the planning of the journey, day-to-day escort, and personal attention made us feel comfortable and happy. In particular, the maestros of this affair were Dr Raj Kubba from Delhi, an internationally renowned colleague and friend, and Dr Amit Bhargava MBBS, Vice-President & Head, Medical Affairs of Glenmark Pharmaceuticals, Mumbai, in association with Xrays Biocom, also of Mumbai. Many other venerable professors and doctors from Indian universities and offices were extremely helpful.

Overall, it was a worthwhile scientific and postgraduate experience and exchange, that also allowed us to learn more about the grand history and beauty of this land, its cultural treasures and political steps forward into a leading country in the world. My favorite reading during the long airport hours and flights was A Princess Remembers. The Memoirs of the Maharani of Jaipur Gayatri Devi. (Rupa, New Delhi 2014).

Gerd Plewig
Klinik und Poliklinik für Dermatologie und Allergologie
Klinikum der Universität München
Germany
Dear Colleagues,

We are pleased to announce the 7th Scientific Meeting promoted by the European Academy of Dermatology and Venereology (EADV) to be held on 26 November 2015 at the Institute of Research in Biomedicine (IRB) Bellinzona (Ticino), Switzerland.

Research and clinical updates

EADV has decided to continue this project aimed at fostering clinical care, research, education and training in the fields of dermatology and venereology and related medical fields in Ticino, in close collaboration with the Società Ticinese di Dermatologia, the Dermatology Departments of Ente Ospedaliero Cantonale, the Institute for Research in Biomedicine, and EADV’s Scientific Programming Committee (SPC). This one-day meeting will again consist of a basic research session in the morning and a clinically oriented session in the afternoon.

Broad spectrum

The EADV programme will proudly feature distinguished researchers and clinicians with recognised experience in their field, to discuss a number of practical and relevant advances. Medical progress always profits from the co-operation of both researchers and clinicians by raising research questions, designing clinical and scientific studies, applying new diagnostic and therapeutic methods and providing appropriate material and information on patients and diseases. EADV thus hopes that, by addressing areas with significant clinical interdisciplinary overlap, the 2015 programme will raise the interest and attention of not only local researchers and dermatologists, but also allergologists, immunologists, internists and oncologists.

7th EADV Dermatological Meeting in Ticino, Switzerland

“From the Bench to the Clinic”

26 November 2015

Programme snapshots

Immune responses and skin pathology

Chairs: Mariagrazia Uguccioni

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Update on “hot topics” in Dermatology

Chairs: Franco Rongioletti, Carlo Mainetti

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For more information about the Scientific Programme please contact marina@eadv.org
To register, please contact karin@eadv.org
The question was to reflect on my experience as a member of EADV and how this has contributed to my career. I became an EADV Junior member in the middle of my residency after attending the Summer School on Microbiology run by the EADV Fostering Dermatology & Venereology Programme in Vienna with Prof Erwin Tschachler.

This course featured the best and most interesting lectures I came across during my studies. Moreover, the Fostering courses offer the opportunity to network and become friends with inspiring colleagues from all over Europe. This helped me maintain the enthusiasm and curiosity in our wonderful specialty, and made the long clinical hours spent in the surgical theatre and histopathology lab, or writing scientific work, very enjoyable. So by doing enjoyable work, getting published in scientific publications, degrees such as MSc, PhD, and appointment as an associate professor, later becoming department head in Bolzano, was effortless! I hope that younger, as well as experienced colleagues, will share this inspiring learning experience offered by EADV and that the Academy will develop this important educational work even further.

I am thankful to the EADV for providing such great opportunities with the annual congresses, spring symposia and Fostering courses that have seen an astonishing improvement in quality over the years. Indeed, I think education is one of the most important aspects in our specialty, not only improving patients' satisfaction but also esteem from other specialties.

However, I see a lot of opportunities, but also some difficulties for our specialty. Opportunities include the extension of skin surgery and skin cancer treatment, as we see patients first and we should treat them directly. Also chronic wounds like leg ulcerations are a widespread health problem in an ageing population, where dermatologists should be the first-call experts. The need for our specialty will further augment as the rates of skin cancer, allergies and eczema continue to rise and sexually-transmitted infections see a renaissance after HIV infection lost its terror. One problem is the disappearance of inpatient wards or beds led by dermatologists. This is important not only for teaching severe skin diseases, but also because understanding and gaining expertise on severe skin diseases is lacking in other specialties. This leads to increased costs for healthcare systems, with wrong diagnoses, wrong therapies and more suffering for patients.

Recognising these conditions does not pose a problem because most dermatologists have still been trained to recognise severe skin conditions, but this will change in the future, if we do not act against it, leaving patients without physicians directly dedicated to their diseases.

From my first acquaintance with EADV in 2002 my best impressions in professional life are connected with the Academy. The EADV annual congresses increase my knowledge in many aspects of dermatology and venereology. To share obtained knowledge with my colleagues at home for several years I wrote brief reports for a local dermato-venereological journal after each congress. It is hard to overestimate the positive influence of the EADV Fostering Programme courses. They gave me not only valuable information on particular topics but also helped me to meet top-level specialists, study their way of presenting, and the particularities of practical work with young dermatologists. Most of these young colleagues are highly motivated, active, interesting and friendly people from all over Europe and this social aspect is another bonus of Fostering courses.

Another important option, especially for Ukrainian dermatologists who have no institutional access to full text articles, is free membership access to the Journal of the European Academy of Dermatology and Venereology and the Virtual Library. Being the first Board Member from Ukraine I am trying to support all the initiatives that may help EADV to remain the most popular dermato-venereological organisation in Europe and constantly increase its benefits for members. I also want to provide my input into the integration of Ukrainian dermatovenereologists into European dermatology, and EADV provides many initiatives that
I am so proud to be a member of EADV as it is helping my professional development as well as keeping my sanity in the world of dermatology. I wish for many successful years where EADV will continue to encourage and support young aspiring dermatologists.

Dr Zejna Velagic
(Bosnia & Herzegovina)

I graduated from Hacettepe Medical Faculty, Ankara, Turkey in 2005 and completed training in dermatovenereology at Gazi University Hospital in Ankara, Turkey and the Clinical Centre University in Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina. I obtained my dermatovenereology specialist qualification in 2009 and since then I have been practising in my own private practice in Sarajevo.

My areas of interest in dermatology are dermoscopy and cosmetic dermatology; however, I enjoy helping my patients in other segments of dermatology as well.

I was granted a Michael Hornstein Memorial Fellowship in 2008 and have been an EADV member ever since. Recognition by EADV was a huge boost for me at that time as I was a young 26-year-old dermatology trainee. Along with the honour of being a member of a professional organisation, it raised my awareness of the collegiality within the dermatology community in Europe and beyond.

I must admit that I look forward to reading the red-covered glossy EADV journal every month which updates me on various topics. I frequently visit the education section of the EADV website gaining CME-CPD credits on the way. I have also used the virtual library on the site to promptly access the latest literature.

Hello again from Iași, it’s been six years since I last wrote about my experiences with the EADV Fostering courses during my residency. Since then (2009) I have become a senior dermatologist. In 2012 I sustained my PhD thesis with the title “Comparative study of efficiency of systemic and topical antibiotics in some bacterial skin manifestation”.

My passion is trying to teach medical students in their final year of training the basics of dermatology, being a teaching assistant in the Dermatology Department of “Grigore T Popa” University of Medicine and Pharmacy of Iași. I divide my days between classes with students, treating patients with skin diseases in my town’s public hospital in the morning, and at the private office in the afternoon.

I actively participated in the EADV congresses, and I have fond memories of the 18th EADV Congress in Berlin (2009), the 19th in Gothenburg (2010) and the 22nd in Istanbul (2013). This year I enjoyed the Spring Symposium in Valencia. Here in Iași, each year in May we organise a dermatology conference entitled “Gheorghe Năstase Days”, with the help of the Romanian Dermatological Society and in honour of a former teacher and mentor. This year we held the 21st edition.

I have been a sub-investigator and study coordinator in four, phase III, multicentre, randomised, placebo controlled studies, three with new treatments in plaque psoriasis and one for treating diabetic foot ulcers. Now our site has been included in a study of treating pemphigus vulgaris with a monoclonal antibody that specifically binds to the human CD20 antigen.

I am proud to say that my example was followed by the residents from my clinic who applied for EADV Fostering Programme courses and were accepted.

Six weeks ago my life changed when I became the proud father of a healthy boy named Alexander and despite the fact that I don’t get much sleep I try to do my job honestly to the benefit of my patients.

Dr Dan Vătă
(Romania)
A quick glance of the scientific programme will satisfy the curiosity of potential participants who are interested in all areas of dermatology and venereology, from common skin infections to the ever-growing problems of melanoma, STDs and psoriasis. The always absorbing topics surrounding cosmetic dermatology will of course be included, as well as those focusing on preparing our skin for the sea and sun. No matter what one’s interest may be, there are topics to suit all.

In a little over six months from now, from 19-22 May 2016, the 13th EADV Spring Symposium will take place in Athens.

It is an exciting moment that we are looking forward to, and are confident that all who choose to participate will observe an array of interesting presentations. Indeed, the scientific programme has been developed in accordance with the event’s theme “Moving Boundaries”, and in light of the summer months that will follow soon after.

Key dates

Abstract submission deadline: 10 January 2016

Abstract evaluation deadline: 10 March 2016

Early bird registration deadline: 13 January 2016

Late registration deadline: 16 March 2016

Opening of the Symposium: 19 May 2016

For further details and how to register: http://eadvathens2016.org/

Full programme

Moving boundaries

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13th EADV Spring Symposium

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Ancient sites, modern attractions

May is a beautiful month to visit Greece as the warm weather has already started and the nice sunny days are perfect for sightseeing and walking through the charming narrow streets of Plaka and Monastiraki - areas that are filled with cafés, shops, souvenirs and restaurants. A side step from there takes you to the Acropolis, the jewel of Athens. During a tour through the new Acropolis museum, visitors will experience an enchanting journey through Greece and its ancient history.

Greeks like to eat out and the plethora of tavernas offering a variety of traditional and international food are a popular choice; whether it be by the sea or a quaint little side street, there are many choices available in a city that never sleeps, which means you can find food at any time of the day or night.

I invite you to join us for an event which brings friends and colleagues together for a stimulating exchange of ideas and fruitful conversations in a warm and friendly atmosphere.

Christina Antoniou
Chairman
13th EADV Spring Symposium
Participants’ Feedback

“I found myself like most of the attendees a bit shy and wary, familiar with the obstacle of the language barrier, the different backgrounds and how this invariably will affect even the simplest human relations. Much to my relief, all such reservations were quickly swept aside. Most attendees were young men and women, daring optimists, advancing their practice further than most of us would have believed possible, only a few years ago.

Challenging topic

This was the second course held on this highly specialised topic as the organisers had to reluctantly turn away many applicants last year. HS is a topic which most dermatologists find extremely challenging, but there is a growing awareness that it is as relevant a dermatological issue as psoriasis and skin tumours and our clients are best served by a dermatologist, instead of being indiscriminately referred to surgeons, or even abandoned altogether. Not simply because the interests of general practitioners and surgeons are inconsistent, but because dermatologists can best be orientated in how to apply their knowledge on tumours and inflammatory diseases such as HS in everyday practice. This fusion of disciplines can admittedly seem counterintuitive.

I believe the European Hidradenitis Suppurativa Society, spearheaded by Prof Christos Zouboulis and his close collaborators, deserves great praise. Without them, this Fostering course would not have been conducted. One could say that all of the most active and resilient researchers of HS came to Brussels that week and gave lectures on the current state-of-the-art and shared their vision on what will happen in the near future, based on the exciting development thrust ahead by new scientific progress. The recently published, first and only European Guidelines for treatment of HS were also summed up at this course.

While our distinguished lecturers met my high expectations with ease, it was a most pleasing surprise to experience the deliveries of case studies by my fellow students. I am proud to be in their company, even if I have to embolden myself in order to live up to the standards they set. After this experience, I wholeheartedly recommend the EADV’s Fostering courses as time and money well spent on cultivating one’s knowledge and the exchange of ideas, in a safe and engaging environment.

The winter atmosphere in this large and central European city was very positive. I can imagine how it is in the spring, perhaps the favourite season of most Nordic people. Given the chance I will certainly visit Brussels more often.”

Gisli Ingvarsson
University Hospital of North Norway
Tromsoe, Norway

“This extensive two-day course showed us the “secrets” of HS, wonderfully guided by Prof Christos Zouboulis and his co-chairs. This review included pathophysiology, clinical aspects, treatment, research and future trends. It took place in a quite informal way, allowing for interaction between the participants and the “experts”. Overall, I do feel this course improved my knowledge on this subject, working as a brainstorming rather than a simple theoretical review. I acknowledge the excellent organisation, friendly approach and I am looking forward to the next chapter!”

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13th EADV Spring Symposium in Athens, Greece: 19–22 May 2016

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- A current copy of the applicant’s training certificate in English indicating the start and end date or specialist certificate
- A letter of support written by a “Specialist” EADV member endorsing the application
- A copy of ID (ie identity card, passport) with a passport-size photo

Note: Only complete applications filled in according to the requested format will be considered by the Honours and Awards Committee. Applications that are incomplete and/or not filled in according to the requested format will be automatically rejected

Application deadline for all scholarships:

15 November 2015 (12:00 am CET)

Further information & the application form(s) available at: http://www.eadv.org/scholarships

Note: Applicants will be notified about receipt of application by email.
This information is available on the EADV website (since August 2015).
Applicants will be informed about the status of their application around 2 January 2016.
FACTS AND FIGURES
Area: 1,648,195 sq km
Inhabitants: 80,840,713 (July 2014 estimate)
Median age: 28.3 years
Infant mortality rate: 39 deaths/1,000 live births
Life expectancy at birth: 70.89 years
Health expenditures: 6% of GDP (2011)
Physician density: 0.89 physicians/1,000 population (2005)
Hospital bed density: 1.7 beds/1,000 population (2009)

History of dermatology in Iran

The practice and study of medicine in Iran has a long, prolific history. The first teaching hospital, where medical students methodically practised on patients under the supervision of physicians, was the Academy of Gundishapur in the Persian Empire 1700 years ago. Some experts go so far as to claim that: “to a very large extent, the credit for the whole hospital system must be given to Persia”. Iranian culture introduced many famous physicians to the scientific world, most famously, Avicenna and Muhammad ibn Zakariya Razi (Rhazes).

Modern dermatology, as a specialty, was started by French dermatologist Prof Oberlin in 1934 by providing new facilities at the Medical School of Tehran University and establishing the dermatology and venereology ward in Sina (Cenna) Hospital. Dr Mohammad Sadri and Dr Naser Sharghi, started teaching dermatology to medical students.

In 1941, Dr Mohammad Ali Maleki and Dr Hassan Mohaghegh Yazdi started training medical students in Razi Hospital. Then after the construction of the “Thousand-Bed Hospital”, Dr Amir Pasha Mohagheghi, Dr Biuk Vadood Seyedi and Dr Mostafa Sardadvar all started practicing dermatology under Dr Sadri’s supervision. In 1966, all of them started their own dermatology practices at Razi Hospital.

Soon afterwards, the national qualifying exam and regulations were set out for the first time and at Shahid Beheshti University of Medical Sciences (formerly known as the National University), two dermatology wards were opened under the supervision of Prof Rahmatollah Samiei. The establishment of a skin research centre was started by the author at Loghman-e-Hakim Hospital in 2000 and was later moved to Shohada-e-Tajrish Hospital in 2004. Since 1979, dermatopathology has become an official part of the dermatology education programme while in 1994 a Fellowship of Dermatopathology became available at Shahid Beheshti University.

Modern dermatology practice

In 1992, the Centre for Research and Training in Skin Diseases and Leprosy, was established as part of Tehran University of Medical Sciences with Prof Yahya Dowlati as its director.

Shiraz: Although dermatologic diseases were already being treated at Shiraz University, in 1972, following an agreement between Shiraz and London Universities, several residents of internal medicine were selected to be trained in dermatology in London. At the same time, several dermatologists from London, including Dr Griffin, Dr Herman, Dr Warrin and Dr Leopard, all practised at Shiraz University.

Mashhad: At Ferdowsi University in Mashhad, Dr Mohammad-Taghi Radpour established the Department and Ward of Dermatology-Venereology and was the first lecturer in this field at the University in 1939.

Isfahan: At Isfahan University, the first dermatology clinic was established by Dr Badroddin Faghri in 1956 and in 1962 he was joined by Dr Morteza Meghdadi. A dermatology ward was established in Khorshid Hospital in 1979, whilst the Skin Diseases and Leishmaniasis Research Centre was established in 2000.

Overall, there are 11 dermatology teaching wards and around 800 dermatologists practising in Iran. The national exam for evaluation of dermatology residents before graduation takes place each year. It is a two-part exam: pre-board and board exam which the dermatology residents after a four-year training course are required to accomplish. About 40 students graduate in dermatology annually.

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Participant’s report

“The vivacity and warmth of the Catalan culture coupled with the engaging lectures presented by the world’s leading experts in the field made for one of the most exciting learning experiences I have been privileged to attend.

The course was attended by dermatology residents, not only from all across Europe, but from Africa, Asia, and Australia as well, making this a truly international exchange of knowledge.

The course was held over two days at the International University of Catalonia, and was designed to highlight practical clinical situations that are encountered in everyday practice.

We started with a pre-course test focusing on 10 clinical cases. The same test was conducted at the end of the course, following an explanation for each answer, and it was eye-opening to see how much more confident my fellow residents and I were the second time around knowing that we now possessed the skills to correctly diagnose, and thus treat our young patients.

We were fortunate enough to have the opportunity to listen to, and therefore, learn from world-renowned experts: Prof Ramon Grimalt, Prof Carlo Gelmetti, Dr Dirk Van Gysel, Prof Zsuzsa Szalai, Dr Talia Kakourou, and Dr Mario Cutrone. The lectures focused on pertinent up-to-date information in an array of topics, which included Psoriasis in Children and Differential Diagnoses of Vesicobullous Disorders. The interactive exchange between presenters and attendees allowed for a stress-free learning atmosphere where one can focus on improving and expanding previous knowledge.

All of the residents were able to participate in an educational hands-on session with pre-made preparations of normal hair shaft patterns and hair shaft alterations under an optical microscope. There was also a fascinating and unique opportunity to perform a trichogram on our fellow residents, followed by a chance to look at, and define our own hair shaft pattern.

The programme also allowed for special sessions where the residents were able to present their own clinical cases related to the field. We had the opportunity to hear about the fascinating work being conducted, and the amazing methods being utilised by our colleagues to diagnose and treat our young patients in a diverse assortment of conditions linking paediatrics and dermatology.

At the end of the course we all felt that we were now armed with the necessary knowledge to provide optimal care for our patients. Thus, with the sun shining, and the enthusiasm that comes with visiting a new destination, we were able to explore the city, enjoy the delicious cuisine, and share an experience to remember with our colleagues!”

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The Brazilian Society of Dermatology (Sociedade Brasileira de Dermatologia - SBD) is at the forefront of the national fight against two major skin diseases in the country: skin cancer and leprosy, and is also very active in the national campaign to raise awareness about psoriasis.

National Psoriasis Awareness Campaign

Since 2006, SBD has been promoting the National Psoriasis Awareness Campaign, which ties in with the annual World Psoriasis Day (29 October). The objective is to combat the bias associated with the disease and improve the quality of life of patients through public information initiatives. Every year, SBD undertakes community and media activities, explaining how to identify psoriasis, what the treatments are and how patients can live with the disease. By explaining that psoriasis is not contagious and has many treatment options, SBD helps to reduce prejudice and increase patient self-esteem.

In 2014, SBD promoted actions in favour of awareness about psoriasis in several Brazilian cities such as São Paulo, Rio de Janeiro, Porto Alegre João Pessoa and Fortaleza. The theme was: “Psoriasis: it hurts more than just the skin. With treatment you can have quality of life”, promoting awareness and information as one of the principles for quality of life of patients. Two national sports personalities were the sponsors: Thaisa Daher, twice champion of the Olympic women's volleyball team and the president of the Instituto Barrichello Kanaan, and Rubens Barrichello, father of former F1 racing driver Rubens 'Rubinho' Barrichello.

National Programme to Fight Skin Cancer

Improper sun exposure leads to many health hazards and is the cause of the cancer with the highest incidence in Brazil: skin cancer. Concerned about the alarming numbers of cases in the country, in 1999 SBD created the National Programme for Skin Cancer Control (Programa Nacional de Combate ao Câncer da Pele - PNCCP). Since then, the national campaign has brought information, diagnosis and treatment to all Brazilians, for free.

In 2012, SBD established the National Day Against Skin Cancer, which in 2015 will take place on 7 November. SBD doctors perform screening tests in patients with suspected skin cancer. The tests are performed in health services distributed throughout Brazil. SBD also promotes informative lectures, distribution of brochures and sunscreens. Every year, about 30,000 patients are seen during the National Day Against Skin Cancer.

In 2009, SBD received certification from the Guinness World of Records for having promoted, on 5 December 2009, the largest medical campaign in the world held in a single day, and the world's largest campaign to prevent skin cancer, involving more than 34,000 people across different regions of Brazil.

Campaign Against Leprosy

Brazil has the second highest incidence of leprosy in the world, with 33,000 new cases diagnosed each year. Since 2012, in several cities of Brazil, SBD has provided free care to patients with suspected leprosy lesions. Confirmed cases receive medication for treating the disease. SBD understands the role of dermatology in awareness and eradication of a disease that is curable and has free treatment.

About SBD

The only dermatology institution officially recognised by Brazil’s Medicine Council (Conselho Federal de Medicina- CFM) and Medical Association (Associação Medica Brasileira – AMB), SBD is one of the world’s largest dermatology societies, with more
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than 7,500 associates. We have regional offices in 23 Brazilian states, as well as 78 services for our resident students.

Every year SBD organises:

- An annual Board Certificate Exam
- An annual Brazilian Meeting (in September) with national and international specialists
- Teraderm - focused only on dermatologic therapeutics
- The Cosmiatria and LASER Symposium, focused on LASER technologies and cosmetic dermatology
- The XXXIII Tropical Dermatology and Environment Course, VII Leprosy National Symposium, VII DST/AIDS Symposium, VI infectious Parasitic Diseases, this year altogether in Salvador, Bahia, in July.

The SBD Library is considered the biggest and most complete library in Latin America. We have very rare and unique books, from the 18th century. There are precious books, with a total of more than 3,000 publications.

GRAPE SBD

Launched by SBD’s Executive Board in February 2013, the Permanent Support Group - GRAPE-SBD - is the coordination group for institutional action. The project promotes support, guidance and health education for people with skin diseases that can compromise the quality of life, and lead to social discrimination and professional and family exclusion. Among these diseases are psoriasis, vitiligo, alopecia areata, leprosy, cancer skin, collagen diseases (lupus), bullous diseases (pemphigus, dermatitis herpetiformis), atopic dermatitis and acne.

Groups are primarily intended to provide continuous and comprehensive support, in the psycho-emotional and educational dimensions, to patients and their families, complementing the care they received in the clinic or office. Groups do not perform medical treatments.

Continued support groups must necessarily be coordinated by a dermatologist associated with SBD that works in different places, such as accredited services, regional and SBD districts, ambulatory clinics and public services, as well as with patients from private practice.

SBD has two Journals: Anais Brasileiros de Dermatologia and Surgical and Cosmetic Dermatology. We are present on Facebook (www.facebook.com/sbd100anos) and Instagram (@dermatologiasbd).

Hope to see you all in Brazil soon!

Best wishes,

Gabriel Gontijo
SBD President

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I became a member of the Media & PR Committee in 2006. During my nine years on this Committee, four years as a member, one year as co-opted and another four years as the Chair, I had the opportunity to collaborate with a number of brilliant colleagues and staff members on a rather demanding set of goals:

- to help colleagues improve their communication skills
- liaise with patient associations and offer them our support
- raise awareness for skin disease both at the general public level but also at the political level, improve the visibility of EADV
- establish the Academy as a Key Opinion Leader in all things concerning our scientific field.

I want to thank all of those involved for their hard work and dedication. They made it an experience I will never forget. I now leave the Committee happy, and most of all proud of everything we managed to achieve in these past years together.

Being a physician is an interactive job. We are charged with caring for other human beings every day. As medical doctors, we bear the responsibility of communicating the good and the bad to our patients and helping them better understand their diseases.

However, not only is effective communication the foundation of the patient-doctor relationship; it is also fundamental to other aspects of our roles as scientists. When we start our professional lives, we immerse ourselves in the jargon and principles of medicine. However, we forget that people outside our field whom we want to reach, such as policy-makers or the general public, do not use the same way of expressing themselves. Therefore, simply handing them...
out information without making an effort to communicate our message is destined to fail or not achieve the desired impact.

**Two-way communication**

To put it in the words of journalist Sydney Harris “Information is giving out; communication is getting through”. Communication is bi-directional, requiring both a transmitter and a receiver. This concept became my philosophy when I joined the Committee. There are many relevant areas of our field that could benefit from optimal communication: when we give scientific talks to our colleagues, disseminate knowledge to the general public, inform the mass media and advise policy-makers.

As a committee we reached quite a few of the targets set. We have effectively, for the past nine years, run workshops during our annual congresses training colleagues to talk to the media, give good presentations, or even improve their leadership skills. The feedback we got from the workshops was always very positive and people seemed satisfied with their participation.

A critical aspect of the committee’s work has been to establish the Academy as a Key Opinion Leader in dermatological and venereological issues. A first step was to compile a list of relevant patient groups and we have already contacted some of them and offered our support when asked.

We also tried to promote important messages to the general public, for instance that psoriasis is not a contagious disease: on World Psoriasis Day we jumped into a Brussels swimming pool and swam together with our patients. That won us excellent visibility in the local mass media and efficiently promoted the message.

**EU advocacy**

Furthermore, we have actively reached out to EU politicians to raise awareness on skin cancer. We did not just organise round tables on hot issues concerning skin cancer in the European Parliament. Since 2011 we have also been visiting the offices of its members and examining their skin and have even found skin cancers during these screenings. This proactive approach has won us the ear of decision-makers in the European Parliament and the Commission, as well as other organisations such as WHO and the European Cancer Leagues.

We are now launching a new campaign on tattoos and body art, as well as opening a dialogue with GPs, while maintaining our efforts on skin cancer, occupational skin diseases and psoriasis. With the dedication of its members, the committee has achieved immense progress since I began as a member nine years ago. Although I leave with a heavy heart, I look forward to hearing about the imminent accomplishments you will reach.

I wish to whole-heartedly thank my colleagues Dr Josette André, Prof Christa De Cuyper, Dr Georgios Chaidemenos, Prof Véronique Del Marmol, Prof Klaus Fritz, Dr Monika Gniadecka, Dr Peter Greenhouse, Prof Jana Hercogová, Prof Swen John, Prof Marcel Jonkman, Prof Andreas Katsambas, Prof Lajos Kemény, Dr Zuzana Kruzicova, Prof Colm O’Mahony, Dr Paola Pasquali, Prof Erwin Tschachler, Prof Carle Paul, Prof Frank Powell, Dr Petr Zajic and Prof Anna Zalewska, and additionally all the EADV staff, in particular Nancy Induni, Catherine Cathala, Stefanie Blum, Alexandre Dewaide, Nikos Manaras and Laura Moens. I am sure this is not an exhaustive list, so I apologise to anyone I might have left off!

Myrto Trakatelli
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**Readers’ Survey – Open to all EADV Members**

**Final reminder**

If you haven’t already taken the opportunity to give us your views on EADV News and its current content mix and sections, please do so before

**15 September 2015**

Log on to the Members’ area of www.eadv.org to take part.

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Upcoming courses

Training Courses for Residents

2015

Advanced Paediatric Dermatology
Chair: Prof Zsuzsanna Szalai
6–7 November 2015 • Budapest, Hungary

Advanced STIs
Chair: Prof Henry De Vries
25–27 November 2016 • Amsterdam, Netherlands

2016

Itch
Chair: Prof Jacek Szepietowski
21–23 January 2016 • Brussels, Belgium

Paediatric Dermatology
Chair: Prof Ramon Grimalt
3–5 February 2016 • Barcelona, Spain

Nail
Chairs: Prof Bertrand Richert, Dr Bianca Maria Pirraccini
18–20 February 2016 • Bologna, Italy

Virology
Chair: Prof Arjen Nikkels
16–18 March 2016 • Liège, Belgium

Surgery Week (Beginners and Intermediate/Advanced)
Chairs: Prof Myrto Trakatelli, Dr Florence Corgibet
4–8 April 2016 • Brussels, Belgium

Cryosurgery
Chair: Prof Paola Pasquali
27–29 April 2016 • Reus/Tarragona, Spain

And many more:
Lasers, Chronic Wound Healing, Epidemiology…

Training Courses for Specialists

2015

Wound Care
Chair: Prof Severin Laeuchli
23–25 October 2015 • Zürich, Switzerland

Occupational Dermatoses: from hand eczema to skin cancer
Chair: Prof Swen John
20–21 November 2015 • Brussels, Belgium

2016

Classification and Treatment of Vascular malformations and Tumours
Chair: Prof Troilius Rubin
8–9 March 2016 • Malmo, Sweden

Nail Surgery
Prof Eckart Hanke
15–16 April 2016 • Brussels, Belgium

Wound Healing
Prof George Sorin Tiplica
Early May 2016

And many more:
Laser, STIs, Atopic Dermatitis…

For further information, deadlines and how to apply, visit the Fostering Section on www.eadv.org or contact fostering@eadv.org

NOTE

• Resident courses are free and students can receive an EADV grant of 400€ (if they are EADV junior members)
• Specialist courses are affordable at a very low price and with a guarantee of receiving CME points.

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Dates might be subject to modification.
Final reminder

NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2015

Notice is hereby given that the 2015 Annual General Meeting (AGM) of EADV will be held on

FRIDAY, 9 OCTOBER 2015

At the Bella Center – Auditorium 15, Copenhagen, Denmark

At 12:00 (CET)

(Registrations will open at 11:30)

Calendar of Events

> 2015

11th EADO Congress & 8th World Meeting of Interdisciplinary Melanoma/Skin Cancer Centres
28-31 October 2015
Marseilles, France

7th EADV Dermatological Meeting in Ticino
26 November 2015
Bellinzona, Switzerland

> 2016

13th EADV Spring Symposium
19-22 May 2016
Athens, Greece

5th Congress of the Psoriasis International Network – Psoriasis 2016
7-9 July 2016
Paris, France

16th World Congress on Cancers of the Skin
31 August - 3 September 2016
Vienna, Austria

25th EADV Congress
28 September - 2 October 2016
Vienna, Austria

> 2017

XII International Congress of Dermatology
18-22 April 2017
Buenos Aires, Argentina

14th EADV Spring Symposium
25-28 May 2017
Brussels, Belgium

26th EADV Congress
13-17 September 2017
Geneva, Switzerland

9th World Congress of Melanoma
18-21 October 2017
Brisbane, Australia

> 2018

27th EADV Congress
31 October - 4 November 2018
Paris, France

> 2019

28th EADV Congress
9-13 October 2019
Madrid, Spain
13th EADV SPRING SYMPOSIUM 19-22 MAY 2016
Athens GREECE